

- 2 – it was embodied most strongly in the visual arts , music and literature but it had a major impact on education and natural sciences
3 – its effects on politics were considerable and complex

The 20th century

It had the first global scale wars between several world powers across multiple continents in World War I and World War II . Nationalism became a major political issue in the world in the 20th century that was acknowledged in international law with the acknowledgement of the right of nations to self determination , official decolonization had happened . Feminism that demand that women have equal rights to men was a major political issue in the world and particularly in the result of granting woman suffrage in many countries .

The century was a major shift in the way that vast numbers of people lived , as a result of changes in politics , ideology , economics , society , culture , science , technology and medicine .

It has been theorized that the 20th century saw more technological and scientific progresses than all the other centuries combined since the dawn of civilization . Terms like ideology , world war nuclear war entered common usage .

Scientific discoveries , such as the theory of quantum physics changed the world view of scientists , causing them to realize the universe was fantastically more complex than previous believed .

It was the century started with horse , simple automobiles but ended with high speed rail , cruise ships , global commercial air travel and the space shuttle .

Mass media , telecommunications and information technology made the world knowledge more widely available .

Advancements in medical technology also improved the welfare of many people . The global life expectancy increased from 35 to 65 years.
Nobel prize in literature winners

George Bernard Shaw

(26 July 1856 – 2 November 1950) . He was an Irish playwright and co founder of the London School of economics . Although his first writing was music and literary criticism , his main talent was for drama , and he wrote more than 60 plays . He was also an essayist , novelist , and short story writer . Nearly all his writings address prevailing social problems , but have a vein of comedy which makes their themes more palatable.